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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

The Honorable Commissioner
 of Patents and Trademarks
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This paper responds to the Office Action dated November 8, 2002. Since the 3-month deadline for this Response was due on Saturday, February 8, 2003, this Response is timely filed on the next business day - February 10, 2003. (MPEP §710.05) Please enter the following (A Clean Copy of the claims is provided below with the non-amended claims in italics for your reference; a Marked-Up Copy of the claims is hereto attached):

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Amended) A utility knife tool comprising:
 - a) a handle with a handle distal portion, wherein the handle further comprises a hand operable arm structure that further comprises an arm distal portion having a second

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